

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairwoman Joan Carter Conway  
Members of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs  
Committee  
Chairwoman McIntosh

**FROM:** Lisa Nissley

**SUBJ:** SB 509 Environment - Noise Control Ordinances – Political Subdivisions

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SB 509 requires political subdivisions to adopt noise control ordinances at least as stringent as the State regulations. These ordinances must be sent to the Department of the Environment. The subdivisions must identify the sound level limits on zoning maps and other appropriate documents.

The Department takes no position on this bill, but supports the crossfile HB 1063, which addresses a weakness of SB 509 that would require every municipality to adopt a noise ordinance.

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